



# Queens Politician Goes to Prison

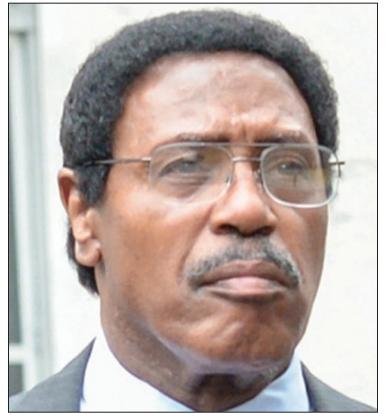
 $By\ Kimmy\ Blair$ Street Hype Writer

Former New York State Assemblyman William Scarborough of Queens has been sentenced to 13 months in prison and 2 years of supervised release after being convicted of wire fraud and theft from a program receiving federal funds.

Scarborough, 69, was also ordered by Senior United States District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy to pay \$54,355 in restitution to New York State and forfeit the same amount to the United States.

The disgraced assemblyman pleaded guilty on May 7, 2015 pursuant to a written plea agreement with the United States that required him to resign from the assembly.

He was sentenced on Sept. 14. Officials said Scarborough's federal convictions relate to his wrongful receipt of per diem payments from New York State. Assembly members receive per diem payments when they spend time in, and travel to and from, Albany. Scarborough falsely claimed, and received, per diem payments for



WILLIAM SCARBOROUGH, 69 Former New York State Assemblyman, Queens Convictions relate to wrongful receipt of per diem payments

days that he was not in Albany or in transit to or from the city.

As a New York State Assemblyman, Scarborough was entitled to receive the following types of payments when he traveled to Albany for legislative business: an allowance for overnight stays in Albany (full per diem), which varied from \$160 to \$171 per day; an allowance for travel not requiring an overnight stay in Albany (partial per diem), which varied from \$49 to \$61 per day; and reimbursement for mileage incurred for travel between his home and Albany.

To receive those payments, Scarborough was required to submit travel vouchers to the New York State Assembly Finance Department certifying his dates of travel to and from Albany; the number of miles he traveled to and from Albany; the purpose of his travel; the days he was in Albany; and his eligibility for payment for either full per diem or partial per diem on each of those days. He also had to certify that the claimed amount was "just, true and correct."



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### THOMAS WINS MAYORAL PRIMARY

MOUNT VERNON:

ity Councilman Richard Thomas was declared victory over incumbent Ernie Davis, 76 in the Sept 10 crowded Democratic primary for the Mount Vernon City's top job.

Thomas, 32, defeated the embattled Davis 2,860 votes to 1,887 votes. Also running were state Sen. Ruth Hassell-Thompson, who received 1.384 votes; Comptroller Maureen Walker, with 1,020 votes; rats, they would support the party candidate.

and former Mayor Clinton Young, with 454 votes.

Outgoing Mayor Davis, who was seeking is fifth term, said he will return to his own business when he

Shortly after Thomas declared victory Mayor Davis was joined at his campaign headquarters by former Mayor Clinton Young, who was also a candidate in the primary Both former mayors said that as Democ-



**Richard Thomas** 



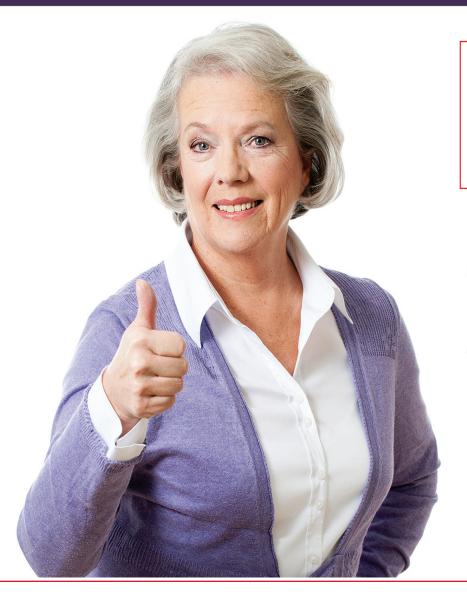
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### Pastor should stop spreading their evil spirit

s millions of American ACatholics prepare their collective warm welcome for Pope Francis, the 266th and current head of the Catholic Church, I would like to focus on the behavior of some of our religion leaders.

To many people, religion is an organized collection of beliefs and cultural systems that relate humanity to an order of existence. These may be abstract and complex issues that the vast majority of worshippers are unable to understand, but feel very comfortable and obliged to observe.

It is perhaps the very reason why religion always attracts particular type of personalities as leaders. These are usually extremely strong and inspired individuals who attract and appeal

However, in recent years it would appear that more and more of these personalities are stepping into the pulpits of the dozens of churches that spring up all too frequently in our communities. For example, Boston Road and White Plains Road in the Bronx, as well as Church Street and Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, seem to be over populated with churches -- each with its own tightly controlled regime of pastors, bishops and rubber-stamping boards.

We are talking about several thousands men and women exercising their pastoral control of congregations, big and small alike, entrusted to him/her according to the teachings of their respective denomination. For the most part, these are usually people of very high moral and ethical standard.

However, with total control over the offering collected and other income, our pastors and other church leaders are well rewarded and encouraged financially. As it now stands, it would



appear that every so-called "spiritual" man or woman with a "calling," a loud voice or big mouth, is setting up his or her own little church to take advantage of a very lucrative opportunity, especially in the black communities.

It would appear that as an increasing number of people continue to serve as religious leaders, more reports of pastors and bishops and men of the cloths are being arrested, charged and found guilty of various criminal activities, including murder, rape and fraud.

We know those wrongdoers and pastors with questionable characters are in the minority, but the rate at which they are spreading their evil is marring the reputation of the church.

As Senator Cory Booker (D), a Baptist and former Mayor of Newark, NJ, and more recently a Senator in Congress, said: "Don't speak to me about your religion; first show it to me in how you treat other people.

Don't preach to me your passion for your faith; teach me through your compassion for your neighbors. In the end, I'm not as interested in what you have to tell or sell as I am in how you choose to live and give."

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### The leader is the focal point of change

The leader is the focal point of change for the individual follower or group of followers with the followers taking no action in the absence of the leader's influence on the followers.

The trait approach to defining leadership also suggests that leadership is available only to some individuals who possess the necessary inborn traits or characteristics.

The alternative to the trait definition of leadership is the view of leadership as a process, involving interaction between the leader, the follower, and the situation.



Dr Neva Alexander **SPEAKS** 

Considering leadership as a process implies that it involves a relationship between the leader and the follower characterized by social transactions.

Leadership can be exercised with one follower or with a group of followers.

The concept of process also suggests that leadership is a bidirectional exchange between the leader and the follower. The follower influences the leader just as much as the leader influences the follower.

The situation determines the degree of interaction between the leader and the follower and whether the relationship is based on the leader's ability to dominate and control or the leader's need to elicit cooperation from followers through persuasion or

The process definition of

leadership concludes that anyone can learn the skills and techniques necessary to be an effective leader.

Both the trait and process definitions of leadership assume that leadership involves changing the behaviors of followers to move the group from its current state to a desired future state.

The leader has an objective for the followers that may be set by the leader or by the organization. The leader then engages in the behaviors necessary to motivate a change in the behaviors of the followers required to achieve the objective.

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Demanding the firing of NYPD Officer James Frascatore and the systematic change of how the NYPD disciplines "bad cops," Council Member Andy King (at poudium) held a news conference on Monday at the steps of City Hall with fellow colleagues and community leaders. Joining Council Member King were Council Member Laurie Cumbo (35th CD) Jerome Rice, president of NAACP-Co-op City and a member 100 Black Men in Law Enforcement; Julian McDavid, president of the Williamsbridge Branch of the NAACP; Carlton Berkley of Brothers & Sisters Who Care and a retired police detective; Julio Pabon of Discovery For Justice, Patricia Patterson of the United African Movement Freedom Party, members of 1199 SEIU, Local 420, Grace Baptist Church, and many others. "Following the death of Mr. Eric Garner of Staten Island, we expected the NYPD to change its policy and training to deter the use of excessive force by on-duty police officers. But, it appears that nothing has changed," said Council Member King. 'And shame on PBA President Pat Lynch for defending a bad cop. We want bad cops off the street!"

## **Brooklyn Tax Return Preparer Pleads Guilty**

**BROOKLYN:** 

Brooklyn, New York, tax return preparer pleaded **1** guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to two counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false income tax returns, announced on Monday Acting Assistant Attorney General Caroline D. Ciraolo of the Justice Department's Tax Division.

According to the indictment, Awilda Rosario owned and operated Edujas Multiservices Corporation, a tax preparation business located in Brooklyn. She prepared

false federal individual income tax returns for clients for tax years 2008 through 2013. Rosario attached false schedules to the returns that reported business losses that the clients did not incur and reported inflated or fictitious deductions. She also attached forms claiming fictitious education and fuel tax credits that the clients were not entitled to receive.

The indictment further alleges that after the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) revoked the electronic filing identification number (EFIN) for Edujas Multiservices Corporation, Rosario obtained at least two different EFINs and continued to prepare and submit false tax returns for her clients, listing a different paid tax return preparer and tax preparation firm.

Rosario faces a statutory maximum sentence of three years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 for each count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false income tax returns. Rosario's sentencing is set for Jan. 8, 2016.

### Two Plead Guilty in Mortgage **Modification Scheme**

Ped Abghari, a/k/a "Ted Allen," 38, New York, and Sayville, New York, which Irvine, California, and Justin Romano, offered purported mortgage modification 41, of Blue Point, New York, pled guilty for their roles in orchestrating a massive mortgage modification scheme that collectively defrauded over 8,000 homeowners out of over \$18.5 million.

Abghari and Romano each pled guilty to wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and Abghari also pled guilty to misprision of a felony.

Romano pled on September 14, 2015, and Abghari pled on September 15, 2015, before U.S. District Judge. John F. Keenan.

According to the Indictment, and statements made at the plea proceedings: Abghari was a president and owner of an Irvine, California, company that offered purported mortgage modification services (the "Telemarketing Firm").

Romano held himself out as the president of two purported law firms (the "Pur- United States. ported Law Firms"), based in Holbrook,

services in conjunction with the Telemarketing Firm.

From at least January 2011 through May 2014, through the Telemarketing Firm and the Purported Law Firms, Abghari and Romano, among others, perpetrated a scheme to defraud homeowners in dire financial straits who were seeking relief through HAMP and other mortgage relief programs.

Through a series of false and fraudulent representations, the defendants duped thousands of homeowners into paying thousands of dollars each in up-front fees in exchange for little or no service from the defendants or their companies. In total, through their scheme, the defendants obtained over \$18.5 million from more than 8,000 victim-homeowners throughout the

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### **NEWS**

### Judge Orders Pastor to Cease Leadership of Church

By Patrick Maitland Street Hype Editor

The Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church on Laconia Avenue in the Bronx is not holy ground for its embattled pastor.

A Bronx Supreme Court Judge has order Pastor Ivan Plummer to cease leadership of the church and allow the original Board of Trustees to take control.

Leaders say the two-year battle with the pastor for control of the church has sapped its "spiritual growth and membership."

"Defendant Plummer is hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly removing, terminating or relieving any members of the Board of Trustees for his or her position without further order from this Court," according to a Aug. 24 court order by Judge Alison Y. Tuitt.

The Court further ruled that a meeting held by Plummer on May 5, 2013 and the

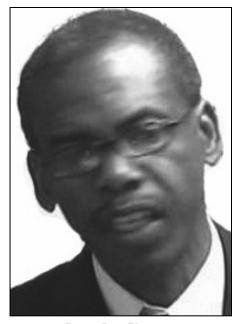
elections of a new Board of Trustees is null and void as there were no judicial finding that the current Board of Trustees as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation are no longer the Board of Trustees.

"Consequently, Plummer was not permitted to unilaterally decide that those individuals are no longer Trustees and hold an election to elect new Board in blatant attempt to circumvent this Court's decision," Judge Tuitt explained.

Judge Tuitt also directed Plummer to pay \$5,000 from his personal fund to cover the legal expenses incurred by the members of the Board of Trustees as the pastor knowingly violated the decision and order of the said Court dated April 16, 2013.

The judge warned Plummer that failure to comply with her order may result in further civil contempt, civil sanctions and/fines and/or criminal contempt.

"We are very happy that the issues are being resolved as the spiritual growth and



Pastor Ivan Plummer Ordered to stop leading Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church

membership of the church were severely affected," a member of the church's Board of Trustees, Everton Forsyphe, told **Street Hype.** 

Forsythe noted that Plummer failed to respect the wishes of the members on the leadership of the church.

In 2013, the Bronx Supreme Court intervened in the ongoing financial dispute between the Board of Trustees and Pastor Plummer.

According to court documents obtained by Street Hype, the Board and the members alleged that Plummer, with the help of other church officers, misappropriated and embezzled church funds and had taken over sole control of all church assets.

Plummer was unavailable for comments at press time.

The Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 3301 Laconia Ave., was established in 1997.

## Subway Assaults On the Rise

A saults in the subway are on the rise. According to NYPD Transit Bureau Chief Joseph Fox, there have been more than 1,500 felony crimes committed in the transit system through August of this year.

That's a 7.4 percent increase over the same time period last year. Fox says there

have been 47 more robberies so far this year, an increase of 16 percent.

He says two reasons for the increase in crime are the surge in people bringing electronic devices on the subway and the number of sleeping passengers.

"While we're comfortable and happy that people are so comfortable on our sub-

ways to take out their electronics, to use them and to become inattentive, we still strongly caution people to think about where and when and how they hold their property," says NYPD Transit Bureu Chief Joseph Fox.

Fox also says enforcing lower level offenses like evading the subway fare and riding between cars has led to 28 illegal gun arrests through August.

That's a 59 percent increase over last year.

### Commissioner Wants More Oversight of West Indian Day Parade

BROOKLYN:

Police Commissioner William Bratton is calling for "political ownership" over celebrations preceding the West Indian American Day Parade in Brooklyn.

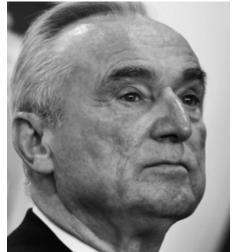
Bratton's call comes after Cuomo administration lawyer Carey Gabay was shot in the head during J'ouvert festivities earlier this month. The 43-year-old died from his injuries last week, and police are still looking for his killer.

Gabay's death is the latest in a string of violent incidents surrounding J'ouvert in recent years.

Bratton said he plans to meet with community leaders to discuss next year's event and will demand a permit be requested.

"Right now, nobody wants to claim responsibility for being the leader of an event that they encouraged tens of thousands of people to attend," he said. "Politically, the City Council members, Assembly members from that area also are going to have to take ownership of event occurring in their neighborhood and some of the associated behavior."

"I'm all for that. I look forward to working with the commissioner," said City Councilman Jumaane Williams of Brooklyn. "As long as



Police Commissioner William Bratton

we're not saying the event has to stop. As long as we're not saying that the permit is somehow an impediment for people to get this event to go off." Meanwhile, a wake will be held for Gabay on Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Clinton Hill, followed by a funeral Saturday.

# TSA Agent Charged with Stealing Passenger's Cash

A Transportation Security Administration agent at Kennedy Airport is facing charges after authorities say he stole money from a passenger's wallet over the weekend.

Investigators say Joe Bangay, 37, has

been charged with criminal possession of stolen property and larceny.

Port Authority police say Bangay was captured on surveillance taking money from the wallet as its owner was going through a routine screening Saturday night.



### NEWS

### Trinidad and Tobago Gets New Prime Minister

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad:

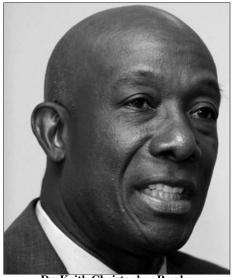
A new prime minister has taken office in Trinidad and Tobago after the previous ruling party was voted out in general elections.

Dr. Keith Christopher Rowley was sworn in during a brief ceremony Wednesday in the Caribbean country's capital, Port-of-Spain. His People's National Movement won 23 seats in the 41-member House of Representatives in Monday's vote, ousting a coalition led by Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

Faris Al-Rawi was sworn in as attorney general, and retired Maj. Gen. Edmund Dillon took the oath as minister of National Security.

Rowley and his party take power as the country wrestles with slowing growth due to falling prices for its principal exports, natural gas and oil.

Dr. Rowley has led the People's National Movement since 2010 and was Leader of the



Dr. Keith Christopher Rowley Prime Minister, Trinidad and Tobago

Opposition from 2010 to 2015. He has also served as the Member of the House of Representatives for Diego Martin West since 1991.[2] He is a volcanologist who obtained his doctorate in geology, specialising in geochemistry.[3]

Life and career[edit]

Rowley was a pupil of Bishop's High School, Tobago and graduated from the University of the West Indies (Mona). He first served in Parliament as an Opposition Senator from 1987 to 1990 (3rd Parliament). Subsequently he was appointed as Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources (4th Parliament), Minister of Planning and Development and Minister of Housing (8th Parliament) and Minister of Trade and Industry (9th Parliament) until he was fired by Prime Minister Patrick Manning.



### Jetblue CEO to address CTO State of the Industry Conference

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados:

The head of one of the world's most acclaimed airlines will keynote the region's most valued tourism gathering. The president and chief executive officer of Jet-Blue Airways, Robin Hayes, will address the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)'s State of the Industry Conference (SOTIC), which takes place from 21 -23 October in Curação.

Hayes joins an impressive list of top industry executives, including Willie Walsh of International Airlines Group (IAG), one of the world's largest airline groups; Keith Williams of British Airways and Alex Zozaya of Apple Leisure Group, who have keynoted this important conference.

"As chief executive of a leading airline between the United States and the Caribbean, I look forward to joining the Caribbean Tourism Organization in Curaçao this October to discuss all the exciting developments in this vibrant part of our network," said Mr. Hayes.

# Guyana says no build-up of its troops near Venezuela border

GEORGETOWN, Guyana:

Chief of Staff of the Guyana Defence Force (GDF), Brigadier Mark Phillips, said that there has been no increase in the number of GDF troops along the border with Venezuela in light of the recent increase of activities by the Venezuelan armed forces there.

Brigadier Phillips said he wanted to correct media reports that had given the impression that additional troops had been deployed to the borders following the Cabinet meeting. "The GDF continues to monitor the border with the current troops on the frontier," he said, noting however, that troop levels have not yet been increased.

"Our troops at Base Command Stevenson, Timehri, our troops at Camp Ayangana and our troops at other coastal and inland training locations are already briefed and alerted and remain in a state of readiness to support our activities on the border," said the chief of staff. He said that the GDF remains ready to define aggression on our border with Venezuela.

"We have troops deployed at various locations. The important ones in this sense are location Eteringbang, location Kaikan, and we have several observation posts along the Cuyuni River and we continue to monitor the activities by the Venezuelan armed forces on our frontiers.

"Our deployment is geared to define aggression and acts of incursion of our border and we remain ready to deploy additional troops and equipment, if need be, to those locations." The chief of staff said that a build-up in troops on the Venezuelan side had been observed about one week ago but that over the past weekend, there had been a noticeable increase.

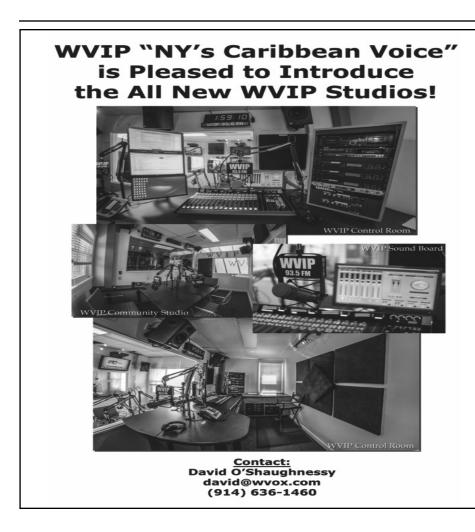
### Call For Caribbean Diaspora Brand

By Bevan Springer

A Caribbean-American community leader called on West Indians living in the United States to establish a Caribbean Diaspora brand. Following the success of the 48th West Indian American Labour Day Carnival Parade, Kwayera Archer Cunningham asserted it was time build on brand Caribbean, starting in Brooklyn - "Caribbean Central" in the United States.

Kwayera Archer Cunningham2"Yes, I am Jamaican, but when in New York City, I am a Jamaican from the Caribbean - the brand that many of our parents who came to this country helped to build," she said.

Archer Cunningham, an award-winning non-profit executive who espouses the strengthening of communities by building sustainable philanthropic networks which ensure resources are directed to those most in need, suggested a powerful Diaspora brand might awaken Corporate America.





### **LEGAL AFFAIRS**

### When Someone Owes You Money

If someone owes you money and you haven't had any success getting this person or company to pay you can start a court case. When you start the court case you are the plaintiff. The person you sue is called the defendant. You may start the case against more than one defendant as long as the reasons you are suing them are connected. If you win the case you will be able to get a judgment against the defendant. Then you can collect the money you are owed.

If you are owed rent money, or maintenance or child support, this is not the right section for you. Visit Homes & Evictions or Families & Children.

#### Which Court to Start the Case

There are many different courts in New York State that can decide cases about money problems. But not every court can decide every case. Some courts can only decide cases up to a certain amount of money. For example, the Civil Court of the City of New York can only decide cases up to \$25,000. While Supreme Courts can decide cases suing for an unlimited amount of money. For help learning which court to start your case go to The Right Court for Your Problem. If you want to start your case in Small Claims Court (cases up to \$5,000), the information in this section is not right for you.

Besides starting the case in the right court, you have to start the case in the right place. This is called venue. You can start the case in the county where you or the defendant live. Or, you can start the case in a county where you or the defendant work or do business. Or, you can start the case in the county where the dispute started, like where a contract was entered or broken

#### The Summons and Complaint

To start a case for money, the plaintiff fills out forms called a Summons and a Complaint, or a Summons with Notice. A Summons and a Summons with Notice both say the name of the court; the names of the plaintiff and defendant - these are written at the top of the form in a box called the caption; the Index Number or Case Number of the case - this number is given to you by the court; a space for the date the summons is filed with the court; and your name, address and telephone number, along with your signature.

If you choose to start the case with a Summons with Notice, then the Summons with Notice also tells the defendant why you are suing and the amount of money you are asking the court for. The Summons with Notice tells the defendant that he or she must demand a complaint or the plaintiff will ask the

court for a judgment. If the defendant demands a complaint, you have 20 days to deliver one to the defendant or the case may be dismissed.

If you choose to start the case with a Summons and a Complaint, the Complaint tells the defendant and the court all about the case. Like all legal papers, the Complaint should be typed or printed neatly in English, in black ink, on 8 ½ x11 inch paper, double spaced, using one side of the paper only. Papers should be stapled together. The plaintiff tells his or her story in the complaint using numbered paragraphs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5...). The first numbered paragraph says who you are, like: "I am John Smith and I am the plaintiff in this case."

Then, who the defendant is, what happened and when, what each defendant did, and how this hurt you. Each paragraph tells one short, but important, part of the story. The Complaint should end with a paragraph that says what the plaintiff wants the Court to do, like give the plaintiff a judgment against the defendant for xxx dollars. Many courts have samples on their websites or can give you one at the courthouse or Court Help Center. Here is an wexample from the New York County Supreme Court.

Make enough copies of the court papers for yourself and each defendant. The Court gets the original papers. You can contact the court to see if it has a form for you, where you go to file your papers, how the filing fee must be paid, and if you need anything else, like a Request for Judicial Intervention (RJI) form.

To start the case, go to the courthouse and pay the filing fee and get your Index Number or Docket Number. If you can't afford to pay the court fees, you can ask for a fee waiver. Put the Index or Docket number and the date of the filing of the summons on all the sets of the papers. In some Counties and Case Types you can E-file your papers over the internet.

Now you are ready to deliver the papers to the defendant. This is called service and it is very important that it is done the right way. It is also important that you file proof of how the papers were delivered.

#### **What Happens Next**

Depending on how the papers are served, the defendant has either 20 or 30 days to serve and file an Answer or to ask the court to dismiss the case by making a motion. A defendant asks the court to dismiss the case when he or she thinks there is a reason for the court to end the case right away.



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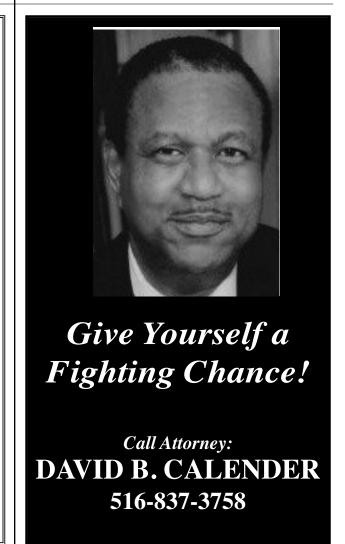
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# **SPORTS**

# Gatlin crowned Diamond League 100m champion

Justin Gatlin was crowned overall Diamond League champion in the 100m after winning the final race of this year's series in 9.98 seconds.

Qatar's Femi Ogunode was also given the same time, but Gatlin got the nod with France's Jimmy Vicaut third in 9.99.

Briton Chijindu Ujah finished eighth in Brussels, in a time of 10.19.

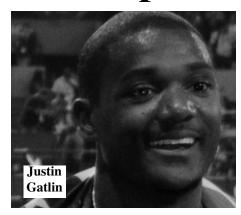
American Gatlin, 33, has run personal bests for the 100m and 200m this season but finished runner-up to Usain Bolt in both events in the World Championships.

The Jamaican opted to end his season rather than run in Belgium.

Gatlin was also due to run in the 200m, but pulled out. That event was won by Ogunode in an impressive 19.97.

In one of the races of the night, Dutch 2015 world champion Dafne Schippers beat Olympic champion Allyson Felix to win the 200m in 22.12.

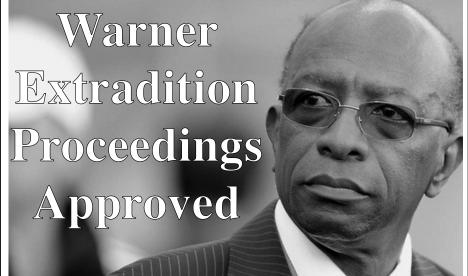
Briton Jodie Williams was seventh in 23.34. Williams's compatriot,



Paralympic champion Jonnie Peacock, eased to victory in the T44 100m with a time of 10.99. Germany's Felix Streng was second in 11.08, while world record holder Richard Browne was disqualified for a false start.

There was more British interest in the 100m hurdles, with Tiffany Porter taking fourth spot in 12.81 behind winner Dawn Harper-Nelson of the USA who clocked 12.63.





PORT OF SPAIN:

US extradition proceedings against Jack Warner, a former vice-president of football's world governing body FIFA, are to go ahead after being approved by Trinidad's attorney general.

The US wants to try Mr Warner, 72, a Trinidadian national, on corruption charges. He is accused of accepting millions of dollars in bribes.

He and 13 other current or former Fifa officials were indicted in May.

He denies the charges and is currently fighting the extradition attempt.

Last week, Switzerland approved the extradition of ex-Fifa Vice-President Eugenio Figueredo to the US. Mr Figueredo, from Uruguay, was arrested in May while in Switzerland for a Fifa congress.

So far, only one arrested official - former Fifa Vice-President Jeffrey Webb, from the Cayman Islands - has agreed to be extradited.

After being extradited from Switzerland to the US, Mr Webb pleaded not guilty to accepting bribes worth millions of dollars in connection with the sale of marketing rights.

He was placed under house arrest on \$10m (£6.4m) bail by a New York judge.

As the head of Caribbean and North and Central American football (Concacaf), Mr Warner was one the most powerful men in world football.

His support was seen as essential for any World Cup host bid. However, he has been dogged by allegations of corruption. The US alleges that Mr Warner has been involved in corrupt practices for more than two decades.

Mr Warner's case has been adjourned until Friday due to a legal dispute over a technicality. In June 2015, a BBC investigation found evidence of bribes paid to Mr Warner.

#### JAMAICA CELEBRATES GOAL AGAINST NICARAGUA:

National Soccer Team of Jamaica celebrates the second goal against the National selection of Nicaragua at the National Soccer Stadium in Managua on September 8, 2015, in the return match of World Cup qualifying for Russia 2018 between Nicaragua and Jamaica.

# West Indies in Sri Lanka 2015

#### October

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#### Oliver, Lowe and Titus Shine in 'Divorce Papers'

liver Samuels, Lowe and Titus Shine in Divorce Papers' in NY and Washington, DC dates and venues are: Saturday, September 19, Walt Whitman Theater, Brooklyn Center at Brooklyn College; Sunday, September 20, Cramton Auditorium, Howard University, Washington, DC; Saturday, September 26, Lehman Center at Lehman College, Bronx Sunday, September 27, York Performing Arts Center at York College, Queens.

Tickets are available online at www.everybodysmag.com; at venues box office and in community outlets.

### Brothers accept plea deals to narcotics charges

John Tomas,

Street Hype Writer wo brothers of Jamaican deejay "Flippa

▲ Mafia" have pleaded guilty to narcotics charges and face long prison sentences, law enforcement officials said.

The popular DJ, whose real name is Andrew Davis, reportedly has other narcotics charges pending and is expected to go on trial

However, his brothers, Kemar and Roger Davis, pleaded guilty Sept. 21 to first-degree possession, with intent to distribute cocaine, and leading a narcotics trafficking network.

"Flippa Mafia" was among eight persons arrested by US authorities in a massive anti-narcotics drive called "Operation Next Day Air."



FLIPPA MAFIA

Prosecutors say the syndicate shipped large quantities of cocaine through parcel delivery services to New Jersey for bulk distribution to other narcotics suppliers and dealers.

He is accused of leading these activities from various locations in Jamaica, California and New Jersey, along with his brother Kemar.

Based on their plea deal, the state will recommend that Kemar receives a 20-year sentence in state prison and Roger 10 years. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 6

"Flippant Mafia" faces charges that include leading a narcotics trafficking network, which carries a sentence of life in state prison. He and another co-accused, Marsha Bernard, are scheduled for trial later this month.

### Reggae Culture Salute for Nov 7

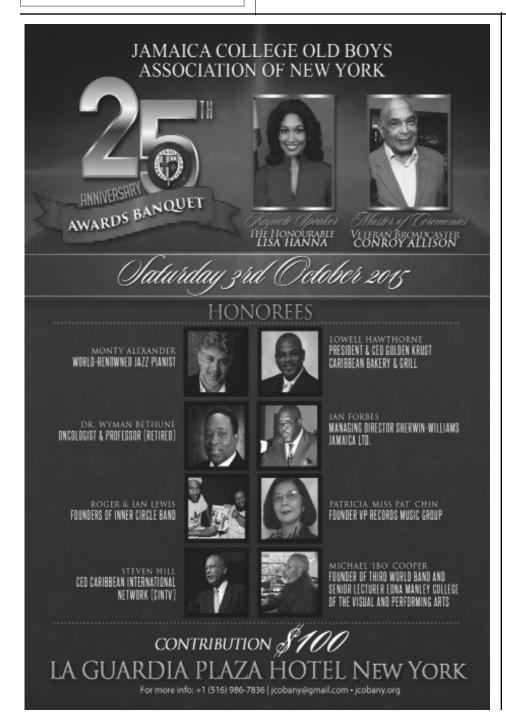
The board of directors of the Coalition to ■ Preserve Reggae Music, Inc., (CPR) has announced Saturday, November 7th as the date of the 11th annual Reggae Culture Salute to be held at Nazareth Regional High School Performance Center, 475 East 57th Street, Brooklyn.

The multimedia presentation commemorates the anniversary of the coronation of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Mennen of Ethiopia. This hallmark event of the Coalition to Pre-

serve Reggae Music, highlights the organic relationship between reggae, Rasta, Emperor Selassie and Jamaica in a substantive way, in culmination of an educational campaign that engages stakeholders in raising awareness of this cultural phenomena in acknowledgement of its importance to a people's

This year, Reggae Culture Salute (RCS) is pleased to present The Meditations, a group which emerged in the mid 1970s to carve out a prominent place in the annals of reggae music history. Founding member and today's lead singer for the group, Ansel Cridland is the only original member left to carry on the tradition that made the harmony trio a household name with hits like, the 1976 anthem, "Running From Jamaica" and the classic, "Woman is Like a Shadow."

Ansel travels extensively now with harmonious support from singers Daddy Lion Chandell and Laury Webb who tour with him and his band of musicians as The Meditations.



### **Romain Virgo Live in Concert @Milk River - Sat. Oct 17. 2015**

omain Virgo will be live in concert At Milk River, 960 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238 on Sat. Oct 17. 2015. In the five years since he made history as the youngest winner of Television Jamaica's (TVJ) popular "Rising Stars" talent competition at just 17-yearsold, Romain Virgo has emerged as one of the island's finest singer/songwriters whose innate skills ensure that quality, consciously themed roots reggae will continue to flourish.

Tickets to see Romain Virgo live in concert will be on sale for \$30-\$50. Call 917.545.2180 for tickets and info.



### **Caribbean Artistes Come Together for Dominica**

rtistes from a multitude of Oval, along with acts from Jamaica, **L** Caribbean islands will be coming together in Barbados for a massive benefit concert in aid of Dominica on Sunday, October 4.

One Caribbean - The Concert for the Children of Dominica is being hosted by the Barbados-based Dominica Children Relief Fund to provide monetary and essential supplies to children and their families who were affected by Tropical Storm Erika.

Over 45 Barbadian artistes across all genres will be performing at Kensington

Trinidad, Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Dominica including Luciano, Admiral Tibet, Maxi Priest, Tanya Stevens, Michele Henderson, Destra Garcia, Denise Belfon, Skinny Fabulous, Teddyson John, Ricardo Drue and Tian Winters, to name a few.

The damage wrought by Tropical Storm Dominica on August 27 has been estimated at around EC \$2.5 billion. Since then, the island has experienced additional flooding as two other weather systems brought heavy rains to the already saturated

## Johnson and His Detractors

By Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz District 32 Bronx County, New York

You should know that Robert Johnson has been the Bronx District Attorney since 1989, and that after 26 years as the Bronx's top Prosecutor (the longest serving District Attorney in office in any of New York City's five counties) Mr. Johnson would like to step down and seek a nomination as a New York State Supreme Court Judge.

You should also know that because of this, there has been criticism of Robert Johnson – and one of the criticisms is that he has one of the lowest criminal conviction rates of all of the District Attorneys in the five

You should know that throughout the years, members of our community and some news reporters have been accusing the criminal justice system of discriminating against minority communities - especially our youth.

We have seen demonstration after demonstration in different parts of the City where community leaders demand the better treatment and the end of the unequal enforcement of the law for minorities.

We have read columns and editorials from different publications and news reporters criticizing how minorities have been targeted, arrested for non-violent crimes, prosecuted and sent to prison.

We have seen statistic after statistic about the increase of the population in the New York State's prisons showing how they are packed with Black and Hispanic people especially our youth.

We have heard sharp criticism against different District Attorneys who have been accused of discriminating against Black and Hispanic youth, and how these same District Attorneys use a double standard of prosecution just to obtain high rates of conviction.

On the other hand, when we look at those who are fighting against and accusing the system of using a double standard to pack our jails with Black and Hispanic youth, those same reporters and community leaders who have been fighting to change our laws so our youth won't go to jail - those are the same people who are constantly demonstrating against the system because according to them, the system is unjust to our minority community - especially our Black and Hispanic youth.

But, surprise, surprise!

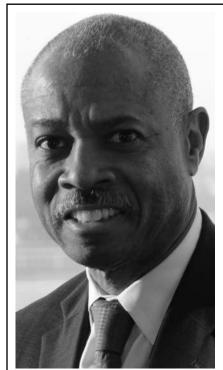
Those same reporters, news stations, newspapers and community leaders are the same ones now accusing Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson of being ineffective because his rate of conviction is less than the other District Attorneys - especially compared to the District Attorneys in Queens and Staten Island.

It is important for you to know that what dignifies Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson and what makes him stand out is his lack of desire to have a great record of conviction at the expense of sending members of our community to jail for nonviolent crimes.

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson has never concentrated on benefitting himself by getting a high conviction rate. Instead, he has been making sure that our community – especially Black and Hispanic youth are treated with the same standard as others are treated.

Robert Johnson was never interested in sending anyone to jail just to boost his own record of conviction.

Ladies and gentlemen, even though some people judge a great District Attorney by his or her record of conviction, there are others who judge them by their fairness and their ability to see the bigger picture. And I believe that Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson qualifies for the latter.



**Bronx District Attorney Robert John**son Wins Democratic Nod for State **Supreme Court. The nomination paves** the way for Democratic Party leaders to bypass voters and handpick his replacement. Johnson had been running unopposed for re-election but said last week that he would prefer to serve as a justice instead. He said he would end his hid for re-election once he won the court nomination. Now, Democratic leaders in the Bronx can select Johnson's replacement on the ballot for district attorney. That candidate is all but assured victory in the Nov. 3 election because the borough is heavily Democratic. Several dozen judicial delegates, elected by voters in September, gathered at a Bronx event hall Thursday night to name six local candidates for the state Supreme Court in the borough. The nominees will be on the November ballot.

### Bronx man **Sentenced** for Selling Counterfeit Viagra and **Cialis Pills**

BRONX:

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson, on Monday announced that 49-year-old Babou Jobe (pron JOE-bee) has been sentenced to five years' probation and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Jobe pled guilty on an earlier date to Trademark Counterfeiting in the 2nd Degree, a Class E Felony. He was sentenced by Justice Marc Whiten of the Bronx County Criminal Court.

When Babou Jobe was arrested on September 18, 2014, at a store at 6 East 184th Street in the Fordham section of the Bronx, he had in his possession nearly 14,000 Viagra and Cialis pills in bottles and blister packs, along with a sheaf of Viagra labels. All were counterfeits.

The Viagra pills contained the active ingredient of the real drug, but at less than 15% of the advertised dosage and the filler material included vulcanized rubber. JOBE told investigators, "Yeah, I know it's fake," admitting that he'd been selling the counterfeits since 2012, making about \$1,500 a month.

The packaging for both the Viagra and the Cialis pills was close, but no cigar. Noted one representative of Eli Lilly and Co., the maker of Cialis, the bottles not only had invalid lot numbers, but the coloration and design was off.

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### Dr. Love Wants To Talk With Jamaican Prime Minister about health and education

Jamaican-born, US based, reggae singer and businessman Dr. Love, said he wishes to have a meeting with the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Portia Simpson-Miller.

Dr. Love whose real name is Christopher Crooks expressed his interest to meet with Simpson-Miller following the death of 24-year-old Kimika Jones.

Dr. Love was one of three persons who came together and donated the funds for the Kidney Transplant that Kimika had to undergo. A few weeks ago, Kimika begged for the public's assistance via an article that was published in the press.

In order for her to have completed the surgery she needed J\$60,000. Dr. Love who read the article in the newspaper, alerted his other two friends, Lady Genius recording artiste and Joslyn Thomas (CEO of Josso Carpentry), who all came together and donated the money to Kimika.

Two weeks later Kimika died. Dr. Love is very saddened by this and at the same time upset that we have lost a youngster of our country simply because she was poor and couldn't afford her medical expenses. Dr. Love says he also saw where some children were stopped from school because all their school fees were not paid in full.

Dr. Love says he is ready to take a trip to Jamaica and has already bought his ticket with the intention to meet with the Prime Minister. "I am seeking to have a meeting



set up with the Prime Minister to discuss plans that can be put in place to assist the needy and to attend to health care and education, which is two of the most critical topics" said Dr. Love.

Dr. Love who said he also reached out to the offices of the Prime Minister and Government is still waiting for a response toward the meeting confirmation.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** 

Caribbean Food Delight's COO, Sabrina HoSang Jordan poses with a plaque she got from the Mustard Seed Communities for community service at a function held recently in Manhattan. - Photo credit: Ajamu Photography



Directors of New York Caribbean Cup Soccer Tournament Nord Pabarue and John Melbourne (I) pose for the camera at the 2015 East Brooklyn 5K Run/Walk on Saturday at Linden Park (Greshwin) and ended at Gateway Center Mall Park.

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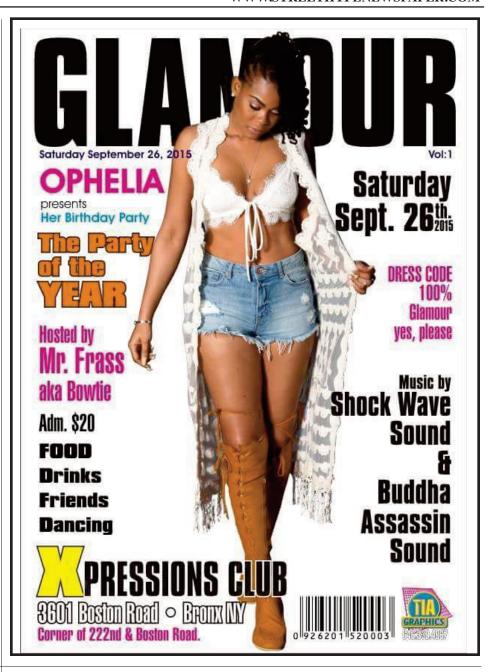


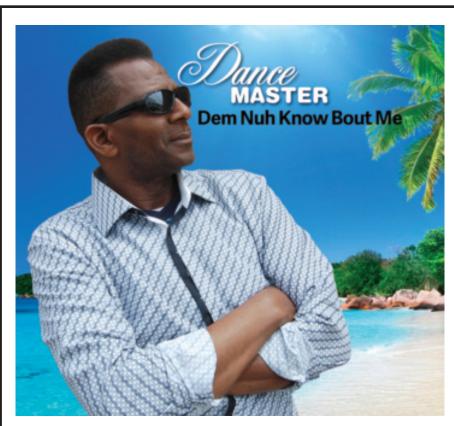
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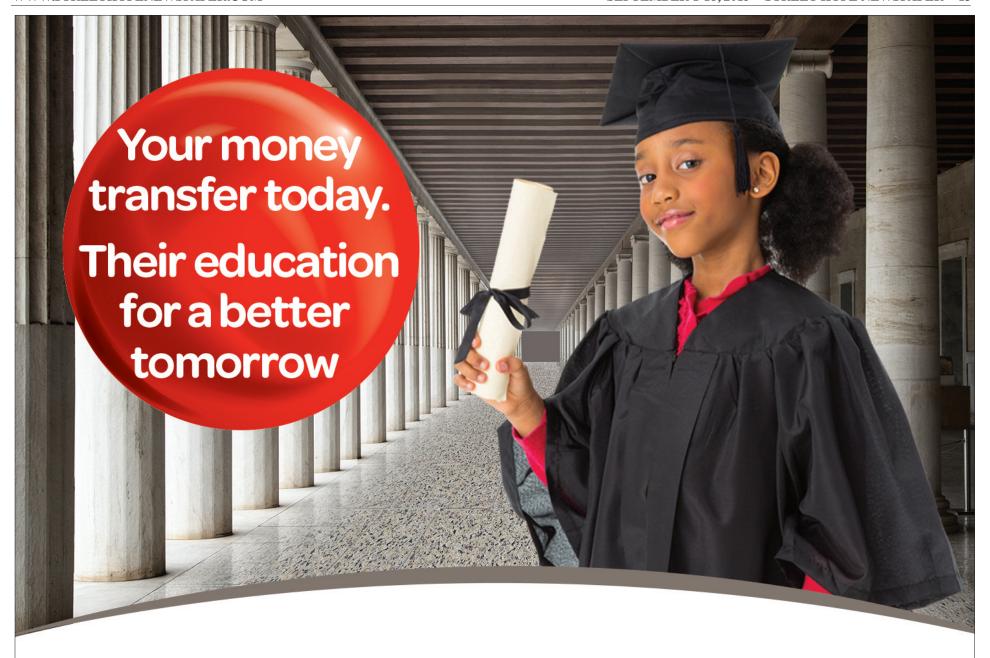
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### NYC Employment Credit Check Ban Takes Effect

The NYC Coalition to Stop Credit Checks in Employment celebrates implementation of the "Stop Credit Discrimination in Employment Act," a law that prohibits employers in NYC from checking the credit histories of potential hires and current employees.

The Coalition of over 80 community, labor, civil rights and student organizations led the campaign to ban employment credit checks, a pernicious form of employment discrimination that disproportionately harms low income New Yorkers and people of color.

NYC's new law – the strongest of its kind in the country – amends the local Human Rights Law and makes it illegal for employers to ask about or in any way use consumer credit information in making hiring, promotion, demotion, compensation or any other employment decisions.

The Coalition looks forward to working closely with the City's Commission on Human Rights to ensure that workers know their rights and that the City strongly enforces this landmark labor protection. Jobseekers who feel that their rights have been compromised can begin filing complaints about this practice today, by calling 311.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights will be hosting "Know Your Rights" trainings for workers, as well as "Know Your Obligations" trainings for employers, throughout the city. For more information, visit the Commission's website at www.nyc.gov/cchr.

The NYC Coalition to Stop Credit Checks in Employment includes more than 80 community, labor, civil rights, legal services and student organizations. For more information, visit CreditCatch22.org.











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MOUNT VERNON:

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The 2015 Safe Haven-After School Program consent forms can be obtained from the Youth Bureau's website, youth.cmvny.com, or at your child's school main office. The deadline to return consent forms is Friday, October 2, 2015. Once program is filled, applications will no longer be accepted.

The Safe Haven After-School Program was established to provide youth ages 7-12 with homework assistance and academic tutoring in a safe and educational environment. Youth will also participate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities. The after-school program is available at Graham, Rebecca Turner, Cecil H. Parker and Grimes Elementary Schools and will begin Monday, September 28, 2015. The program operates Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and will be closed on all holidays.



DaMia Harris-Madden Executive Director

Please note that this program is FREE as a result of the generous support that is provided by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Westchester County Youth Bureau and the Mount Vernon City School District.

"The Safe Haven after-school program has operated safely and effectively for over 10 years. The staff consists of professional and caring adults, and parents look forward to this program each year." said DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director.

For details regarding this program, please contact Deputy Director, Dena Williams at (914) 665-2393 or log on to http://cmvny.com .

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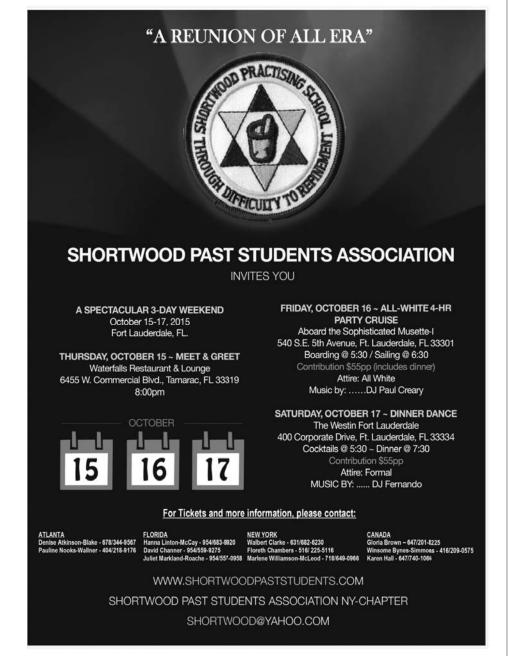


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### **Hair Care Tips**

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#### General

A healthy lifestyle will mean healthier hair for you. Excessive stress, smoking, not exercising and not eating nutritiously are not healthy for your hair.

#### Get enough sleep.

Hair Products (Gel, mouse, hair spary...) Avoid using hair styling products with alcohol which dries out hair.

Avoid puting hair styling products directly on your scalp; if you put it on your scalp you'll clog the pores on your head.

#### **Swimming**

Before entering a pool, wet your hair so your hair will soak up the initial water instead of the chlorinated water.

When swimming where a cap to protect your hair from chlorinated water, if you choose not to wear a cap make sure you shampoo and condition your hair right after you are done swimming.

#### **Drying**

Hot air can be damaging to your hair so when using a hair dryer use the cool setting.

Don't leave the blowdryer in one spot for more than a few seconds, keep it moving and at a good distance away from your hair.

To speed up the drying process, pat your hair dry with a towell and let the remaining moisture in your hair dry naturally.

Gently use your fingers or a pick to untangle any knots while your hair is drying.

Combing/Brushing

Use a brush whose bristles are made from natural animal hairs, it is softer and more flexible, which means less damage will be done to your hair.

Hair is most fragile when it is wet so avoid brushing or combing when it's wet, or else it will cause breakage. Wait until your hair is almost completely dry before brushing it.

Use brushes/combs with widely spaced bristles/teeth and smooth tips. Sharp tooth combs can damage your hair, cause split ends, and scratch your scalp.

To keep your brushes and combs clean,



wash them weekly using soap or shampoo.

Comb your hair to remove any tangles before brushing it.

Begin by combing your hair gently at the ends to get any tangles out and work your way up to the base of your hair. Always brush/comb with a downwards stroke.

Avoid using plastic brushes/combs which create static electricity

#### **Shampooing and Conditioning**

Buy shampoos & conditioners that match your hair type. Trial and error is the best way to find out what specific hair product is best for your hair.

Shower with warm water; hot water can dry and/or irritate the scalp.

It is important to wash your hair; shampooing removes dirt, dead skin cells, hair oils, any hair products you may put into your hair.

When shampooing, rinse your hair out before applying any shampoo to remove any dust, dirt, and any other foreign items, then apply the shampoo onto your scalp and massage it gently with your finger tips and work your way outwards. After you are done make sure that you thouroughly rinse out your hair to remove any shampoo residue that may be left. Shampoo residue may dry your scalp/hair and or attract dirt. It is recommended that you only lather once to avoid drying your hair out. If you have oily hair, lathering again may stimulate your oil glands to create even more oil than normal.

You should wash your hair as often as you feel necessary to keep it clean but a general rule for oily hair is that you should wash it every day or every other day and for dry hair only wash it 2-3 times a week.





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### **MEET DOMINIC BROOKS - VYRAL**

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KINGSTON, JAMAICA:

Dominic Brooks, more popularly known as Vyral, was born to Peter Brooks and Suzanne Saunders on May 14, 1990. Dominic is a 25 year old Jamaican songwriter and singjay who hails from the Capital City, Kingston.

The term singJay is a colloquial one, which refers to an artist who merges the gap between a singer and a deejay, while a deejay is one who performs the Jamaican native genre of music, Dancehall.

Dominic began his musical career at St. Georges College (2002-2007), where he garnered vast admiration for his lyrical freestyles and delivery. It wasn't until early 2010 however, that Dominic went commercial as 'Kronik', with his breakthrough single "Nah Go See We Fail", produced by G3Musik.

This track, being a motivational one, was used as the anthem for the Jamaica national Under 17 World Cup qualifying campaign that year. Riding this wave, Kronik was back in the studio, this time with Troyton Rami of Black Shadow Records in Miami, Florida. This record label is famous for the classic 'Buzz Riddim', which features renowned acts like Sizzla, Mad Cobra, and Sean Paul's smash hit "Gimme Di Light".

Rami and Kronik released a well received track entitled "Shake It" in late 2011. The track made its way up the Music World Radio's Top 20 charts, peaking at #2. In that same year, Kronik also made his debut appearance on 'The greatest one night reggae show', more popularly known as the infamous "Sting".

In 2012, Kronik changed his name to Vyral, and has been working on building his new brand ever since. This feat has been filled with several challenges, from the lack of having an organized structure, to industry biases, among many other setbacks, but these challenges played a vital role in the conception of Vyral's renewed approach to the music business.

This renewed approach led Vyral to align his expertise with a team of other young, passionate and talented minds, namely G3Musik, Short Filmz Ja, Krayz, Slighce and Razzy.

Together they shared the same vision of a moral and value based movement to create their own structure, growing and learning together, honing their skills, and embracing their worth.

In August and September, Vyral had a 3 week stint in Tampa, where he performed at Club Celebritys for an event called "Cham-

pagne Campaign", and had a couple interviews with Tropical Vybz Radio. Outside of his media obligations while in the Sunshine State, Vyral was concurrently working on his upcoming EP, "Musical Deliverance", voicing tracks at Rimz's home studio. Musical deliverance will be released later this year.

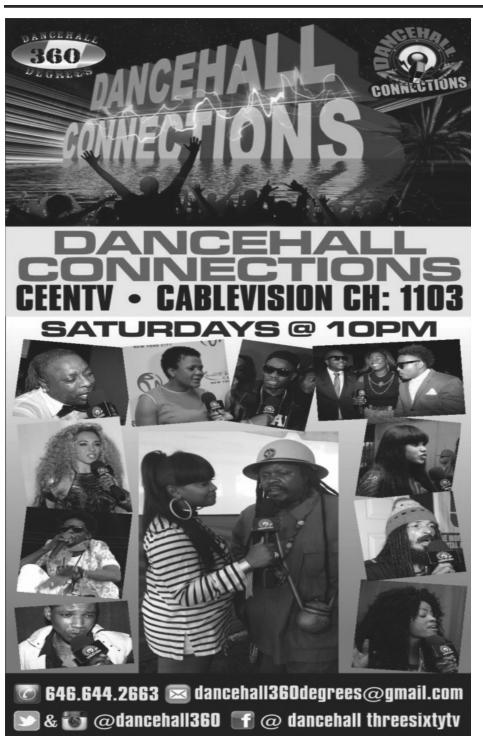
After 7 years in the business, Vyral expressed that through his in depth observations and research into the industry, he has noticed a deficit in the nurturing and guidance of young talent towards maximizing their potential, as there is no core developmental structure in place. "The music industry in sweet Jamaica is crying for more intelligent professionals with morals and standards, and that is the foundation that my team and I are building.", said the Singjay. This displeasure has sparked what he and his team call the "HooliGang" movement.

This movement, which represents talent, determination, teamwork, humility, intelligence, professionalism, morality and vision, stems from the premise of being 'a rebel with a cause'.

Vyral's work can be found on Youtube, Soundcloud, among other music spaces, and he can be contacted through his manager, Giovanni "Rimz" Ashman, at giovannirimz4x4@gmail.com.



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make your dreams become reality; Plan-

A great majority of the population has to deal with low self esteem. In the following article a young women has low self esteem and has trouble forming relationships with others.

Read below for more information and my opinion.

#### Dear Divine Diva:

I am a young African American woman in a very good job, but I have a very low self-esteem. My confidence is always shaken and I have poor relationships with some of my friends and family members. What can I do to improve my low-self esteem?- MT, Bronx

#### Dear MT:

A variety of factors can contribute to low self-esteem, including (but certainly not limited to) poor relationships with parents or siblings, being the victim of a physically, sexually, or mentally abusive relationship, or experiencing racist or discriminatory practices in your personal or professional life.

No matter what the reason, don't ever give up hope because your self-esteem can always be improved. You will be pleasantly amazed when you see how improved self-esteem can change your life!

High self-esteem evolves from viewing yourself as a unique, valuable, and worthwhile person, and is not dependent on how other people view you.

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ning and setting attainable goals in life; Meditating and spending a few quiet moments by yourself each day; Visualize: See yourself achieving and prospering in life; Talk to yourself each day: Internalize positive affirmations that help you believe in yourself.

### **Mother of the Bride**

Dear Divine Diva:

Spring is here, and with it comes the wedding season. Would you please inform your readers about the importance of answering wedding RSVPs? A lot of people appear to need reminding about the need to respond. Thanks! -- Mother of a Bride and Groom

Dear Mother:

I'm glad to oblige -- and congratulations on the double blessing that's coming your

way in gaining both a daughter and a son! Readers: When a formal invitation is received, you should immediately return the RSVP card that's enclosed with it.

RSVP is the abbreviation for the French phrase "Repondez s'il vous plait," which means "Please reply." It's important for the people planning the affair to know how many guests will attend so they can be properly provided for -- for obvious reasons. So please be polite and don't keep them wondering. Always Divine Diva



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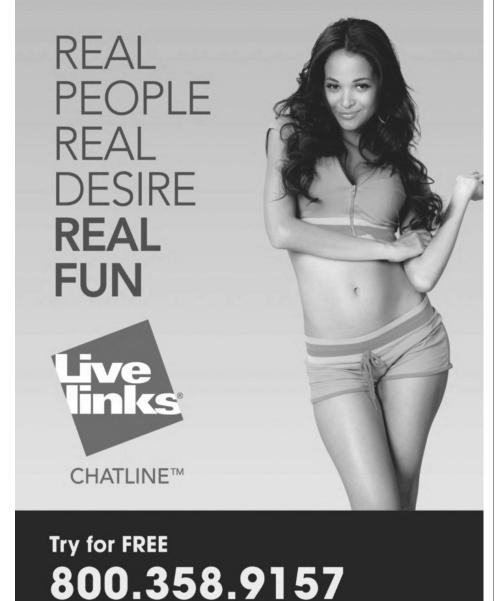


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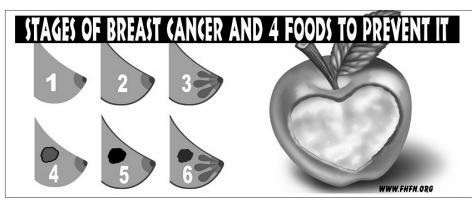
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### Breast cancer-fighting foods to add to your diet



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#### 2. GARLIC

Any excuse to eat garlic bread is a good one, right? Garlic contains allyl sulfide, a component that impacts cell cycling. When the process of cell cycling goes wrong, breast cancer cells develop. Garlic can stop this cycle from turning regular cells into

cancerous cells.

#### 3. APPLES

Well, that heading may be a bit misleading. Though the fruit of the apple can help protect your body against cancer, the most important part of this fruit is the peel. The peel of an apple is full of antioxidants, chemical compounds that can keep free radicals out of your body and reduce the risk of the development of cancerous cells.

For best results, make sure you use organic apples. Conventional apples may have tons of pesticides on the peel.

#### 4. POMEGRANATES

There is not a huge body of research looking at how pomegranate can affect the de-

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velopment of cancer, but what scientists have discovered so far is quite promising. A chemical compound found in pomegranates has been linked to a decrease in the growth and reproduction of cancerous cells. This effect is especially prominent with estrogen-dependent cancers, such as breast and ovarian cancer. If you do not like the fruit, try drinking pomegranate juice or eating pomegranate seeds.

The healthier you can make your diet, the more prepared your body should be to fight off any cancerous cells that come its way.











## **BUSINESS HYPE**

Highlighting the opportunities and challenges of local business





BUSINESS TOUR: Andrew Holness, Jamaican opposition leader and leader of the Jamaica Labour Party (3rd l) talks to Trevor Smith, director of business development (l) and Jim Jobson, vice-president, production of Tower Isles Frozen Foods Ltd in Brooklyn. Holiness was on an official tour of Jamaican-owned businesses in New York City recently.

### Networking Event

The public is being invited to the monthly Business-to-Business networking event at Panash Euro Soul Restaurant and Lounge, Queens on Tuesday September 29, 2015 at 6.15 p.m.

The main presentation, "accelerate your business growth and make super profits," with MWBE Certification by Ricardi Calixte makes it a must be there event.

The primary objective of this networking event is for business owners, aspiring business owners and community and business leaders to collaborate and share ideas and best practices to grow their businesses and association.

Of importance also will be an opportunity to expand and broaden their vision as we invite business specialists and experts to give a brief outline of what they do and key success factors.

Calixte currently serves as Director of Neighborhood Economic Development at the Queens Economic Development Corporation.

He is committed to promoting small business development, creating better opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs. With nearly 10 years of experience, his work in revitalizing commercial districts leads to the start-up of new businesses, job creation and improved quality of life.



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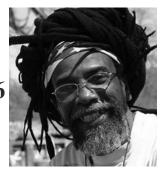
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# Medicare covers revolutionary new device that gives seniors freedom from lower back pain

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